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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON

In re:	Case No. 12-63884-tmr7		
Berjac of Oregon,	Adv. Proc. No		
Debtor.	COMPLAINT		
Thomas A. Huntsberger, Trustee of the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Berjac of Oregon,	(Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential Transfers - 11 USC §547)		
Plaintiff, ) v. )			
DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES, an assumed ) business name of D. BROWN AGENCIES, ) INC., an Oregon corporation,			
Defendant. )			

Plaintiff alleges as follows:

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This court has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to 28 USC §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334(a), as this is a core proceeding under 28 USC § 157(b)(2)(A). Venue properly lies in this judicial district pursuant to 28 USC § 1409(a) because this is a civil proceeding arising in and/or related to the Chapter 7 (formerly Chapter 11) case currently pending in the Eugene Division of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon.

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2. This adversary proceeding arises in the case of *Berjac of Oregon*, U. S. Bankruptcy Court Case No. 12-63884-tmr7, under Chapter 7 of Title 11. Debtor filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on August 31, 2012 and the case was converted to one under Chapter 7 on October 2, 2013.

## **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff, Thomas A. Huntsberger (the "Plaintiff"), is the duly qualified and appointed Chapter 7 Trustee in the above-captioned bankruptcy estate.
- 4. Defendant Don Brown & Associates (the "Defendant") is an Oregon assumed business name of D. Brown Agencies, Inc., an Oregon corporation. At all relevant times, Defendant was an entity for whose benefit certain of the recoverable transfers alleged in this Complaint were made, and/or an immediate or mediate transferee of such recoverable transfers.

## **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Debtor made transfers of property to the Defendant on or within ninety (90) days prior to the Petition Date, that is, from June 2, 2012 through and including August 30, 2012, in the form of payments for the benefit of Defendant, including, but not limited to, the specific transfers described in paragraph 11 below (the "Pre-Petition Transfers").

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Avoidance of Preferential Transfers Pursuant to 11 USC § 547(b))

- 6. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 5 as though fully set forth herein.
- 7. The Pre-Petition Transfers were transfers of monies by the Debtor, and thus constitute transfers of interests of the Debtor's property.
  - 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Pre-Petition

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Transfers were made for or on account of an antecedent debt owed by the Debtor to the Defendant.

- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Pre-Petition Transfers were made while the Debtor was insolvent. Moreover, pursuant to 11 USC \$ 547(f), the Debtor is presumed to have been insolvent at the time of each of the Pre-Petition Transfers.
- 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Pre-Petition Transfers, if validated, would enable the Defendant to receive more than the Defendant would have received had the transfers not been made and had the Defendant received distribution from the estate pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code.
- 11. The following table shows each transfer made within ninety(90) days prior to the petition date and all credits, if any, for the subsequent new value defense under 11 USC § 547(c)(4):

Date	Num	Name	Amount	Total
06/14/2012	4055	DON BROWN	\$1,531.00	
06/06/2012	4038	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	2,447.53	
06/13/2012	4054	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	448.80	
06/25/2012	4085	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	9,752.58	
07/25/2012	4150	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	8,206.45	
07/25/2012	4143	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	504.89	
08/15/2012	4210	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	8,953.38	
08/24/2012	4229	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	2,509.78	
08/29/2012	4244	DON BROWN & ASSOCIATES	<u>1,065.78</u>	<u>\$35,420.19</u>

12. Interest on the Pre-Petition Transfers has accrued and continues to accrue from the date each of the Pre-Petition Transfers were made at the legal rate of interest until paid.

## **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(For Recovery of Property Pursuant to 11 USC § 550)

13. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation

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contained in paragraphs 1 through 12 as though fully set forth herein.

14. As alleged above, Plaintiff is entitled to avoid the Pre-Petition Transfers under

11 USC § 547(b). Credits for the new value defense have been allowed. As the Defendant

is the initial transferee of the Pre-Petition Transfers, or the individual or entity for whose

benefit the Pre-Petition Transfers were made, or is or are the immediate or mediate

transferee of the initial transferee receiving such Pre-Petition Transfers, or any of them,

Plaintiff is entitled to recover for the estate the proceeds or value of the Pre-Petition

Transfers under 11 USC § 550.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment against Defendant as follows:

A. On Plaintiff's First Claim for Relief: For judgment that the Pre-Petition

Transfers are avoidable as preferential transfers under 11 USC § 547(b).

B. On Plaintiff's Second Claim for Relief: For judgment that the estate is entitled

to recover the Pre-Petition Transfers or the value thereof under 11 USC § 550.

C. On Plaintiff's First and Second Claims for Relief:

1. Awarding judgment to Plaintiff in the net amount of the Pre-Petition

Transfers after the credit for the new value defense in the principal amount of \$35,420.19;

plus

2. Pre-judgment interest on the principal amount of the Pre-Petition Transfers at

the legal rate of interest as permitted by law from the date of each transfer through the date

judgment is entered; plus

3. Plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred herein; plus

4. Post-judgment interest on the principal amount of the Pre-Petition Transfers

awarded at the legal rate of interest permitted by law from the date judgment is entered until

paid in full; and

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5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2014.

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